
Title: =The Interrogator=

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-This book is bound in
black leather and
embossed with a thorn
wrapped dagger.-

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Qualities said to be
desirable in an
interrogator, an almost
endless list: a professional
manner, confidence,
forcefulness, understanding
and sympathy, breadth of
general knowledge, area
knowledge, "a practical
knowledge of psychology",
skill in the tricks of the
trade, alertness,
perseverance, integrity,
discretion, patience,
extensive experience,
flexibility, a genuine
understanding of the
source as a person, down
to even the interrogator's
manners and grooming.

A skilled interrogator can

+ An illustration of
a finely dressed man
holding a barbed
whip in one hand and
a glass of wine in the
other +

save a great deal of
time by understanding the
emotional needs of the
source. The interrogator
should ask himself: "How
can I make him want to
tell me what he or she
knows?" rather than "How

can I trap him or her
into disclosing what he or
she knows?" A
interrogator must
remember the question
uppermost in the source's
mind, at the beginning, is
not likely to be "How can
I help this interrogator?"
but rather "What is going
to happen to me now?"

The interrogator should
not personalize. That is,
should not be pleased,
flattered, frustrated,
goaded, or otherwise
emotionally and personally
affected by the
interrogation. A calculated
display of feeling employed
for a specific purpose is
an exception to this rule.
The interrogation situation
is intensely inter-personal;
it is therefore all the
more necessary to strike
a counter-balance by an
attitude which the
subject clearly recognizes
as essentially fair and
objective.

But perhaps the one
quality a interrogator
must have is Self-control.
Through it he takes
advantage of the source's
weaknesses as they
become apparent. Coupled
with:

1. The ability to
recognize, backed by
knowledge, that the
source is lying or telling
the truth.

2. A genuine insight into
the source's character
and motives.

3. The ability to
recognize the possibility
that the source's goal
may be the acquisition of
information about the
interrogator.

=Advantages held by the
Interrogator=

The interrogator will have certain advantages which the source of the interrogation does not:

- *The interrogator has a position of authority over the source.

- *The interrogator knows the purpose of the interrogation; the source does not necessarily know the exact reason.

- *The source is totally alone.

- *The fear of the unknown.

+ An illustration depicting a Watcher standing over a weeping woman. +

=Weakness that can and are Exploited=

The interrogator is never 'supposed' to take advantage of a source's weaknesses to the extent that the interrogation involves threats, insults, torture or exposure to unpleasant or inhumane treatment of any kind. Remember, the keyword is supposed. You cannot hope to master interrogation techniques unless you first understand the rules are meant to be broken.

Regardless of the type of source you are interrogating and their outward personality, they do possess weaknesses which, if recognized by you, can be exploited. A human being is likely to:

*Talk, especially after harrowing experiences

*Show deference when confronted by superior authority.

*Rationalize acts about which he feels guilty.

*Co-operate with those who have control over him.

*Attach less importance to a topic which the interrogator demonstrates identical or related experiences and knowledge.

*Appreciate flattery and exoneration from guilt

*Co-operate readily when given material rewards.

*Co-operate readily when treated as an equal.

*Co-operate with the assumption that force will be used.

*Co-operate readily if actually threatened with force, pain, threat, insults, torture or see or hear evidence thereof.